

REMARKS

Claims 1-11, 18 and 20-23 are pending in the application. Claims 12-17, 19 and 24-25 are canceled and claims 1, 18 and 20 are amended with this amendment. Applicants note with appreciation the provisional allowance of claims 13-16 and 19-23. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested based on the following remarks.

I. OBJECTIONS TO CLAIMS 13-16, 19-22 AND 23-25

Claims 13-16 and 19-22 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claim 18 is amended herein to include the limitation of claim 19 and claim 1 is amended to depend on claim 18. Claims 12-17 and 24-25 are canceled, thereby rendering the references moot and correcting the informality. Claim 23 now depends on an allowable independent claim.

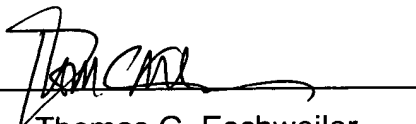
II. CONCLUSION

For at least the above reasons, the claims currently under consideration are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should any fees be due as a result of the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account Number 50-1733, MAIKP107US.

Respectfully submitted,
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